OLD QUEENSTOWN

By Gillis Jewell
of Grasonville, Md.

At this time cockfighting was a chief sport. One resident, Samuel Swann, was a famous breeder of gamecocks of rare endurance and skill. He was an ardent hater of the British and refused to retreat with our troops, saying that he preferred to remain and fight the enemy. How much he fought is not known, but after the war he was still raising cocks for the ring.

Horse racing was also a popular sport. Horses from all over the coun ty would be entered in the quarter-mile races. Both sides of the road would be lined with people, negroes half-breed Indians, poor whites afoot, and rich planters' families in coaches, all there to have a good time. The state later ended this amusement by passing a law against horse racing on public roads This concluded the turf history of Queenstown.

Fox hunting was also a favored sport of the rich. At first the grey fox was used, but after settlers from England came in greater numbers, the red fox was introduced and it is still used today. Queen Anne's county was the first place in the new world to start fox hunting.

In 1917, a strange thing came puffing up the river. It was the "Sur prise" a little side-paddle-wheel steamboat commanded by Captain Spencer. This was the first steamboat to enter Chester River.

Queenstown was then a delightful social center. The Halls and later the Massey and Mitchells entertained lavishly at Bolingly. Duck suppers, balls, formal dinners and other entertainments were given the year around.

Bolingly was bestowed by Lord Baltimore in 1662 upon James Boulen (or Boling). The name Bolingly was derived from his name.

The first house was built of spuared logs with mortar in between the joints. There are no remains of the first roof; so it is not known what it was composed of. After sawmills were introduced into the county, a shingled roof was put on the house. In 1732 the present house was built by Edward Neale, whose remains rest in the old graveyard near the water front. On one of the gable-ends of the house the year 1732 is inscribed. The place was then known as Neale's Residence. It has been remodeled several times since its erection. The last time was in 1861, when the late Mr. Charles Mitchell owned it.

It is a large country house built another, each facing the water front in rambling style, one room after The wide halways has a double stairs, rising at each side and meeting under a deep arch at a landing. From here the stairs continue in a single flight to the second floor. Paneled double doors open at the back of the hall to give a view of the water front. Under the staircase are two deep cupboards said to be the hiding place of slackers during the various wars. The sides of the stairway are elaborately wainscoted and a mahogany rail and half hand rail complete a real achievement in colonial architecture. In the drawing room the original mantel has a fluted firieze and columns turned by hand. The deep windows have three rows of panes in the upper sash and two in the lower. No two windows are the same size in the house, because of the fact that ignorant slaves were employed in its building.

The lawn covered sixteen acres and the side next to the town was graded and sodded, while the side next to the creek was terraced and planted with flowers and shrubs.

Bolingly has had many owners, among them being Edward Neale, Captain Massey, Martha Hall, Thomas Hall, and Charles Mitchell; and in 1893 it was sold to the Queen Anne Railroad Company, which changed it into a hotel. From the railroad company it passed to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Friel. At the death of Mr. Friel, the property passed to Mrs. Friel, who is the present owner.

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CROPS GOOD

The United States Department of Commerce reported yesterday that Maryland crops, aided by favorable weather, had improved and were making good growth.

The sunny "and moderately warm weather was marked by rain on two nights, the crop report said.

Comments on crops by the bureau were uniformly favorable. The wheat yield was called good. "Corn plants," the report continued, "are growing rapidly and are mostly good to excellent."

Early sweet corn is being harvested in Queen Anne's, Talbot and Caroline counties.

Tawes in the Picture

J. Millard Tawes, State Comptroller at his home announced at Crisfield his candidacy for renomination. He will file with the Secretary of State in Annapolis within the next few days.

By lauding the administration of Governor O'Conor, who announced his candidacy for a second term last week— a short time before Mayor Jackson he would not seek th Democratic Gubernatorial nomination—Mr. Tawes definitely joined the political ranks of the Governor.

He and Mr. Walsh were running mates with Mayor Jackson in the Gubernatorial primaries four years ago when Mr. O'Conor won the nomination by a slim margin from the Mayor. Mr. Tawes led the ticket in that primary election.

"It has been a distinct pleasure to have ben associated with Governor O'Conor during our present term." Mr. Tawes said. "I sincerely trust our people will show their appreciation of the splendid work he is doing by rewarding him with reelection.

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Saturday, July 18, 1942

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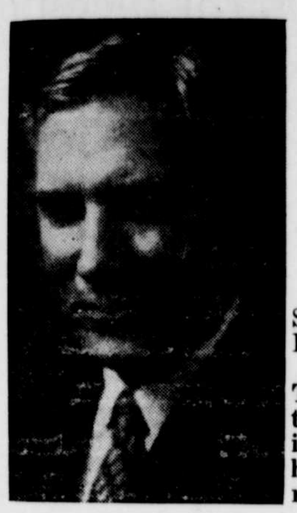

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